

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AND VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**

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Sir:

The present communication, responsive to the final Office action dated March 1, 2010, supplements an earlier response concerning the captioned application. A courtesy copy of the earlier filed response is appended. This supplemental response, timely filed by the first reply deadline of June 1, 2010, advances revisions of the claims as presented in the earlier response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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